GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL TOWNS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have submitted project reports relating to the consolidated development of tribal towns during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the tribal towns;

(c) the number of projects cleared and rejected separately alongwith the reasons therefore,

(d) whether the Government has received projects relating to the consolidated development during the current financial year also;

(e) if so, the status thereof,

(f) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance through foreign agencies for the development of tribal towns in the country particularly of Gujarat; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not received any project proposal/ reports from the State Governments relating to consolidated development of tribal towns during the last three years. The Ministry of Urban Development also does not have any scheme specifically for funding projects for consolidated development of tribal towns in the country. However, that Ministry is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) in all States. The IDSMT scheme guidelines also do not contain any specific provisions in respect of towns in tribal areas or towns having tribal population. Hence, no separate records in respect of projects being implemented in towns located in tribal areas or towns having tribal population are maintained.

(c) to (e): Do not arise.

(f): No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry. The IDSMT scheme guidelines of the Ministry of Urban Development also do not contain any provisions for seeking/providing financial assistance through foreign agencies for development of towns.

(g) Does not arise.